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REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1-2 and 4-14 have been allowed.

Claims 3 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice.

The claims have been amended responsive to the noted informalities.

The case is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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